Please

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture?

To say this please in Chinese you say “Qǐng gěi wǒ zhège.”

2. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

There are no other ways mentioned on how to say please in Chinese.

3. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used?

A situation where please can be used is when you are asking for something at a vender, you can do this by using body language as well as “Qǐng gěi wǒ.”

Thank you

1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture?

To say thank you in Chinese you say “xiè xie.”

2. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

* If someone gives you a seat on the bus/subway
* When someone helps you find something in a store
* When you want to thank someone for being helpful to you.

3. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

You need to be more respectful when saying thank you in Chinese if you are talking to someone that you do not know in a business meeting.

4. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)?

To say thank you very much in Chinese you say “Wǒ hěn gǎn xiè .”

You’re welcome

Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it? What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

The universal way to say thank you in Chinese is “Bú yòng xiè.”

2. Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

The more formal way to say thank you in Chinese is “Bú kèqì.”

3. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”?

The other way that there is to say thank you in Chinese is to say “Méi shì” this is the most informal of the three ways to say thank you.